

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-20.

Please add the following claims 21-33:

--21. (New) A method of treating a textile comprising fibers selected from the group consisting of cellulosic fibers, protein fibers and mixtures thereof, comprising the steps of:

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- (a) contacting the textile with a liquid composition comprising formalin in an amount sufficient to provide from 0.56% to 7.4%, on weight of fabric, formaldehyde, and
 - (b) heat curing the textile,
- wherein the formalin comprises formaldehyde and water and wherein the textile is provided with a silicone elastomer.--

--22. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein the fabric is unresinated.--

--23. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein the liquid composition comprises formalin in an amount sufficient to provide from 1.11% to 7.4%, on weight of fabric, formaldehyde.--

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--24. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein the method further comprises the step of moistening the textile with a moistening solution comprising water prior to the step of contacting the fabric with liquid composition.--

--25. (New) A method according to claim 24, wherein the moistening solution further comprises a non-ionic wetting agent.--

--26. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein the textile comprises rayon fibers, and wherein the textile exhibits decreased shine due to pressing.--

--27. (New) A method according to claim 26, wherein the liquid composition comprises formalin in an amount sufficient to provide from 2.96% to 7.4%, on weight of fabric, formaldehyde.--

--28. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein the textile is a fabric comprising wool fibers, and wherein the liquid composition comprises formalin in an amount sufficient to provide from 1.48% to 7.4%, on weight of fabric, formaldehyde.--

--29. (New) A method according to claim 28, wherein prior to the step of contacting the fabric with the liquid composition the fabric is shrink proofed.--

--30. (New) A method according to claim 29, the fabric is shrink proofed by a treatment selected from the group consisting of chlorination, treatment with potassium permanganate, and treatment with hydrogen peroxide.--

--31. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein the method further comprises the step of treating the fabric with a formaldehyde removing agent after the step of heat curing.--

--32. (New) A method according to claim 31, wherein the formaldehyde removing agent is an organic acid.--

--33. (New) A method according to claim 21, further comprising the step of
contacting the textile with catalyst.--